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SUBJECT: INTELSAT CONSIDERATION OF LAUNCH VEHICLES

REF: STATE 6031

1. SUMMARY. EMBOFF DELIVERED SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL IN AIDE-MEMOIRE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) OFFICIAL UGUCCIONI. UGUCCIONI STATED IT IS PREMATURE TO GIVE ITALIAN POSITION ON THE MATTER AND FINAL FORMULATION AWAITS EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY (ESA) DECISION (EXPECTED IN LATE MARCH) ON WHETHER OF NOT TO PRODUCE ARIANE LAUNCH VEHICLE. END SUMMARY.

2. UGUCCIONI NOTED THAT ESA HAS NOT YET MADE DECISION TO PRODUCE ARIANE LAUNCH VEHICLE. HE HIGHLIGHTED POLITICAL STRUGGLE AMONG EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITHIN ESA IN ESTABLISHING ARIANE PROGRAM, HE RATED CHANCES OF ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE ARIANE PROGRAM AT ONLY 60 PERCENT. UGUCCIONI UNDER-
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SCORED POINT THAT ITALIAN POSTION IN INTELSAT WILL BE BASED TO LARGE DEGREE ON COMPETITIVENESS OF ARIANE VIS A VIS U.S. SPACE SHUTTLE. HE POINTED OUT HOWEVER THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY UNKNOWNNS AT THIS MOMENT TO STATE POSITION AND THAT ITALIAN DECISION WILL DEPEND ON (1) WHETHER ARIANE IN FACT IS PRODUCED; (S) EXTENT (IF ANY) OF ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN ARIANE PROGRAM; AND (3) COM-

PETITIVENESS OR ARIANE VIS A VIS SPACE SHUTTLE.

3. UGUCCIONI PROMISED TO PASS AIDE-MEMOIRE TO CNR
(ITALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL) WHICH IS CHARGED WITH
WEIGHING TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF ARIANE WITH OTHER
LAUNCH VEHICLES. UGUCCIONI PROMISED TO CONTACT EMBASSY
AS ISSUE DEVELOPS. GARDNER

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